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CASABLANCA FOR RCAA

SUBJECT: GOL PURCHASE OF EXECUTIVE JET AIRCRAFT

REF: MONROVIA 6871, STATE 246664 (NOTAL)

1. LOCKHEED REP BEAVERS, ACCOMPAINED BY EMBOFF, CALLED ON MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO LAFAYETTE K. MORGAN DECEMBER 20 TO DELIVER SCALE MODEL JETSTAR AS GIFT FOR PRESIDENT TOLBERT. MORGAN, WHO SERVES AS SENIOR STAFF ASSISTANT AND FINANCIAL ADVISOR TO PRESIDENT, WAS MOST INTERESTED PRICE AND DELIVERY TERMS ON JETSTAR BUT OBVIOUSLY DISAPPOINTED LEARN THAT IT PREVIOUSLY OWNED. BEAVERS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD GRUMMAN GULFSTREAM II HAS EDGE IN PRESENT GOL CONSIDERATIONS, BUT EXPRESSED HOPE THAT LOCKHEED OFFER WOULD BE GIVEN SERIOUS CONSIDERATION. MORGAN CONFIRMED BEAVERS' ASSESSMENT, BUT ASSURED HIM THAT HIS OFFER WOULD BE GIVEN DUE CONSIDERATION UPON RETURN MINFIN STEPHEN TOLBERT.

2. WITH REGARD INFORMATION FURNISHED REF B THAT GULFSTREAM
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II BEING OFFERED GOL IS USED AIRCRAFT WHICH SUBJECT LITIGATION

IN U.S., EMBASSY CAN ONLY SAY THAT THERE APPARENTLY SOME
CONFUSION IN GOL. IN TALKS WITH ACTING MINFIN WILLIAMS
DECEMBER 13 (REF A) AND SUBSEQUENT MEETING WITH MINISTER
MORGAN, EMBOFF AND LOCKHEED REP WERE LEFT WITH STRONG
IMPRESSION THAT AIRCRAFT WAS NEW. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE
LIBERIAN PILOT WHO WILL FLY AIRCRAFT AWARE THAT IT USED.
PRESUMABLY PRESIDENT AND MINFIN TOLBERT ALSO AWARE, BUT
DEPARTMENT MAY WISH VERIFY WITH GRUMMAN AND/OR OMNI. EMBASSY
PLANS TAKE NO ACTION REF B.
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